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MUZRAI SECRETARIAT.

OFFICE NOTE.

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SUBJECT.

Re the celebration of the Flower Palanquin service to the Sri Alagar Swami at Madura, S. India

From

The Private Secretary to H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore.

Memo No. 1338, dated 11th April 1907.

Seringapatam Ramaswa mengar, Tamil Pandit of the Archaeological Deptt of Mysore, and a lineal descendant of Chikka Upadhyayar, Prime Minister to Maharaja Chikka Devaraja Wodier Bahadur of Mysore, has memorialised His Highness, stating that on the last of the 4 days of the Chaitra festival annually held in the Sri Alagar Swami temple at Madura, Southern India, a flower palanquin service is being conducted in the name of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore, but that a ryot of Gangavaranapatti village has been collecting

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subscriptions therefor and keeps up the service. The memorialist prays that information may be obtained from the Trustees of the temple, through the Residency, as to how the service in question has come to be linked with the name of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore, and if it is found that provision had been made by the Maharajas of Mysore for the service the same may be ordered to be conducted at Mysore's Govt cost.

~~Secretariat~~. The Memorial has been transferred to this Office for disposal.

Sub'd
22/4/07

Please put up a draft to the Residency
23/4/07

Dft subd. 25/4/07.

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Subd with a draft to the Dewan through the 2d Councillor
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Order 16/5/1907

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Subd to the 2d Councillor

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OFFICE OF THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO
HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

No. 2617/1 ~~Ooty~~ Bangalore 11th April 1907.

Please put up a short note on this

Note submitted 17/4/07

Petition as shown below, to His Highness the Maharaja, is transferred to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Mysore Department, Bangalore, for disposal.

No. 1338 / 06-07.

By Order,

Illegible
for Offg. Private Secretary
to H. H. The Maharajah of Mysore.

OFFICE OF THE PRIVATE SECRETARY
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TO H. THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

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The humble memorial of ~~Srirangapatam~~ Ramaswami Iyengar, Tamil Pandit of the Archaeological Department in Mysore and a lineal descendant of the well-known Chicka Upadhyayar, the Prime Minister to Maharaja Chicka Devaraja Udaiyar Bahadur of Mysore.

To

H.H.Sri Krishnaraja Udaiyar Bahadur, G.C.S.I.,
Maharaja of Mysore.

May it please Your Highness,

1. That in the well-known ancient city of Madura, South India, a great Jatra popularly known as " Chittirai Tirunal " of four days' duration is, from a very long time, held commencing on Suklapaksha (Bright fortnight) Chaturdasi (14th) day in the month of Chittirai (April and May) every year in honour of Sri Alagar Swami (the Beautiful God) of Tirumaliruncolai, otherwise known as Southern Tirupati.

2. That a special " Pu pallakku " (Flower palanquin) ubhayam or divine service on the last day for the said God, while returning to the hills, is popularly associated with the name of the Maharaja of Mysore: it is styled the " Mysore Maharaja's Mandagappadi."

3. That the memorialist being an annual visitor to the said city on this occasion for the purpose of conducting a similar service to the same God on the first day, founded by his late father, has frequently had opportunities of learning from the people that this " Pu pallakku " service associated with the name of the Maharaja of Mysore is celebrated by a ryot of Gangavarapatti village with subscriptions and that the people have been surprised to see such local aid invoked annually for keeping up an event linked with the name of the Maharaja of Mysore.

4. That to the memorialist and to the other Mysoreans who may chance to be present on the occasion at that city, this appeal to the people for what is styled the " Mysore Maharaja's Mandagappadi " becomes extremely painful.

5. That the memorialist presumes that the cost of this " Pu pallakku " service in a far off place must have been provided for by Your Highness' ancestors, somebody being specially deputed to supervise the celebration of it. And therefore, the memorialist most respectfully prays that the Trustees of the Temple of the said Swami may be asked, through the Madras Government, to furnish full and true information regarding the following points at an early date to facilitate the celebration of this " Pu pallakku " service which comes off on the 29th of this month:-

i. as to the provision made by Your Highness' ancestors for this purpose;

ii. as to the name of the person deputed to supervise the celebration of it;

iii. as to the circumstances in which the name of the Maharaja of Mysore came to be associated with this service; and

iv. as to the other dharmams or charities, if any, of the Maharaja of Mysore in that city.

6. That if, on the completion of the above enquiries, it is ascertained that no provision has been made for the celebration of this " Pu pallakku " service which the people of Madura from time immemorial have carried on in the name of the Maharaja of Mysore, the memorialist most earnestly prays that Your Highness may be graciously pleased to order that the expenses of the said service may be paid from your Highness' Government and that this service may be supervised by any of Your Highness' subjects.

Ever praying the Almighty for Your Highness' long life and a happy and prosperous reign.

Your Highness' loyal and devoted subject,

Bangalore City,
April 8, 1907.

S. Ramaswamy Iyengar

4. Dewan Krihnama Naidu Lane, Ooparpet.

Murrai

To

The First Assistant to the
Hon'ble the Resident
in Mysore.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a Memorial addressed to H. H. the Maharaja by one Mr. S. Ramaswamiengar, Tamil Pandit of the Archæological Deptt of Mysore, stating that the Chitrai festival of the Sri Alagarnswami temple at Madura, Southern India, takes place for 4 days in the month of Chaitra annually, and that on the last day

thereof, the service of parading
the idol in a flower palanquin
is being conducted in the name
of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
but that a ryot of Gangavaranapatti
village has been collecting
subscriptions there for and
keeping up the service.

2. I am directed to request
that you will be so good as to
move the Hon'ble the Resident
to address the Collector of the
Madura District on the subject and favor the
Durbar with information as to
how the service in question
came to be linked* with the
name of H. H. the Maharaja
of Mysore, whether any endowment

* connected

was made by the Govt of Mysore on account of such service, under what circumstances the celebration of the Utsava has fallen into the hands of the ryot referred to above and what is the cost of the Utsava in question.

I have &c,

Secretary.

Keep copy of the enclosure in the Office